



MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP REPORT News of Your Community

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Spring-Summer 2015

Middletown Community Day Saturday, May 2, 2015; All Activities Free to Residents!

Spring is in the air, which means that Middletown Community Day is right around the corner! The annual event will be held at Penn State Brandywine, 25 Yearsley Mill Road, Media, PA, on Saturday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We invite all Middletown residents and businesses to bring their family and friends to celebrate the hometown pride of Middletown. This family festival will consist of everything from music, to mummers to moon bounces and children's games, to face painting and fire engine, pony and hayrides. Non-residents are welcome to join us for a nominal fee.

The Community Day Committee is excited to announce that, thanks to the tremendous response from our sponsors—all the activities at this event will be **FREE** to residents! Non-residents will have a small cost of \$3 per person. Through donations made by Acme and Wawa Beverage, there will also be free hotdogs and beverages handed out by members of the Park and Recreation Committee. Wristbands will be required to participate in all activities, including the free hot dogs and beverages. To avoid long lines the day of the event, you are encouraged to pick up your wristbands beginning April 13th at the Township Building or the Library. They will also be available at the Ticket Booth on the day of the event.

The day is sure to get off on the right foot as Township Manager Bruce Clark and resident volunteer Jack Masters take the reins as Masters of Ceremonies. Exciting new features to the event this year include a photo booth, a petting zoo and a remote controlled NASCAR-style racetrack, which will appeal to people of all ages. Additionally, Middletown Free Library Children's Librarian Mr. Jason has graciously volunteered to sit in the dunk tank

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All Trails Lead To Middletown

Contest Drawing

(Cut out and return to Twp Bldg, Library, Wolff's, Linvilla, or Ticket Booth day-of by 1pm)

Name: _____

Address: _____

DOB: _____

Phone: _____

I am Entering for: (Resident*):

- Oldest
 - Youngest *(circle one)* Boy Girl
 - Future (Expecting Parents)
- *Proof of Residency Required*

OR

- Traveled Farthest to get here



Yard Waste Collection



Upcoming Collection Dates

- May 6 and 20
- June 3 and 17
- July 1 and 15
- August 5 and 19
- September 2 and 16

- Collection occurs twice a month on the first and third Wednesday from April-October, and once a month on the third Wednesday from November-March.
- Yard waste refers to twigs, sticks, branches, and tree and shrubbery trimmings only. No grass, weeds or leaves will be accepted.
- Individual branches are to be no larger than 4" in diameter and no longer than 4' in length.
- To prepare for collection, all yard waste MUST be contained in one of the following ways and set out at the curb, or it will not be collected:
 - In trash cans
 - Bagged in biodegradable paper bags
 - Bundled with string.
- For branches that are too unwieldy to bundle together, a maximum of 10 loose branches (4'x4") may be put out to the curb per collection.
- Yard waste is to be placed at the curb the evening before collection, or no later than 6am on the day of collection. If it is not out to the curb by the time the truck arrives to collect, the truck will not be sent back to collect later. Please report yard waste placed out at the curb correctly and on time that has not been collected to the Township at 610-565-2700.

2015 Delaware County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

For the collection of Household Hazardous Waste **ONLY.**

TVs and Electronics
NO LONGER ACCEPTED.

TVs and Computers can be dropped off at a Best Buy location, free of charge.

All County HHW events take place from 9am to 3pm, rain or shine.

Saturday, June 13, 2015

Marple Newtown High School*
120 Media Line Rd. Newtown Square
**New location*

Sunday, September 20

Penn State Brandywine
25 Yearsley Mill Rd. (Rt. 352) Media

Saturday, October 17

Emergency Services Training Center
1600 Calcon Hook Rd. Sharon Hill

More info at DCSWA at 610-892-9627 or www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/hhw.html



Parks & Recreation Events

www.middleowntownship.org

Email: pmccoy@middleowntownship.org **or Call:** 610-565-2700 x242

Spring/Summer 2015 Day Trips

Apr 25: Cape May Designer Show House/Spring Fest
Apr 28: Michael Ludwig guides "Wheatland"
Apr 30: Bethlehem Sands Casino
May 8: NJ Grounds for Sculpture & Roebling Museum
May 13: "A Tribute to Elvis" at Penns Peak
May 19: River Lady Cruise & Smithville Village
May 27: NYC, Harlem Tour
May 30: NYC On Own
Jun 4: Spring Lake, NJ House Tour
Jun 6: Bull Run & Manassas, VA w/ Michael Ludwig
Jun 10: Arlington National Cemetery & More
Jun 16: Tangier Island

Jun 18: Summer Mystery Trip
Jun 25: Mormon Tabernacle Choir Event
Jun 28: Spirit of Philadelphia Cruise
Jul 1: "Oklahoma" at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre
Jul 9: Ellis Island, NYC
Jul 12: Ocean Grove Choir Festival
Jul 14: Philadelphia Union League
Jul 23: Constitution Center Exhibit "Creating Camelot"
Jul 29: DC Embassy Encore
Aug 4: Chesapeake Cravings: Annapolis, MD
Aug 6: "Inspire" at American Music Theatre, Lancaster
Aug 11: NYC Ground Zero Memorial/Museum
Aug 19: Udvar-Hazy Museum

2015 Yearly Events & Travel Presentation: Wednesday, April 29 at 1:30pm.

Pre-registration is required by calling or emailing the above contact information. **The annual trip brochure is now available on the Township website.**

2015 Overnight Trips - Many US coach trips - **May:** Cape Cod & Newport, RI.; Hudson Valley, NY (& Oct); Finger Lakes & Cooperstown, NY, (& Aug too); Louisville, KY. **June:** Niagara Falls (& Oct); Maine Train Adventure (& Sept); Spirit of Peoria. **July:** Montreal/Quebec/Ottawa. **Aug:** Michigan. **Sept:** MA. Gloucester, Boston & Whale Watching. **Oct:** Outer Banks. **Nov:** Charleston & Savannah; Greenbrier Resort; Newport, RI, Holiday Tour; Florida's Sanibel Island.

US Out West Programs to The National Parks (many dates) & Classic Lodges of Old West; Albuquerque Balloon Festival; Pacific Northwest & California; US Route 66.

2015 Europe - Scotland with Tattoo Festival; Ireland; Tuscany; Iceland; Croatia & Slovenia; Italy; Classic Greece; One Week London, One Week Madrid; Scandinavia & European River Boat Cruises

2015 Cruises: **Aug:** England/Scotland/Wales/Ireland with Downton Abbey's High Clere Castle Visit. **Fall:** Hawaii, Bahamas, Canada/New England, Caribbean. **Oct:** Mediterranean; California Coast; Bermuda; European River Cruises, American River Boat Sailings and US Paddlewheel trips too plus Cuba!

OTHER EVENTS, NEWS AND NOTES . . .

**Keep an Eye out for Sleighton Park
Playground Equipment to be installed this
Spring!**

Summer Camp 2015 at Indian Lane
For Children 4-12, Runs June 22-July 31 (6 weeks)

Computer Skills Lecture Event
Thursday, June 4 at 1:30pm: Learn Basic
Computer Skills & New Windows Program

**Discount Amusement Park Tickets
Available in Late-May**

Spring Trail Walk
Sat. June 20 at 10am at MillenniumTrail

Book Club
2nd Tuesday of every month at 1pm.

Bridge & Pinochle Card Players
Mondays at 11am; [Please join us!](#)

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as part of a Middletown Free Library fundraiser.

Continuing the tradition, people can gather around the main stage for the 7th annual Wing Bowl between the Township Firefighters and the Williamson Free Trade School Students, officiated by Township Council Chair Mark Kirchgasser. A new competition this year that will appeal to those with a sweet-tooth is a doughnut-eating contest sponsored by Jes Made Bakery. Plus, children will enjoy getting their face painted and can watch a balloon sculptor work his magic, sponsored by Rick Bondurant. Weathers Motors will sponsor the always-delicious water ice.

To complement our theme **"All Trails Lead to**

Middletown" prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Youngest Boy and Girl Resident, Oldest Resident, and Person Who Has Traveled Farthest. Expectant parents will have the opportunity to enter the contest to win an Evenflo Symphony All-In-One Car

Seat, donated by Toys R Us. Other prizes include a Tobin's Gift Card, a Boscov's gift basket and Linvilla Gift cards. You may enter in advance for these drawings at Wolff's Apple House, Linvilla Orchards, the Library and the Township Building; however you must be present at 1:30 at the event to win.

As in past years, students from Indian Lane and Glenwood Elementary School will showcase their theme-based artistic drawings.

We would like to extend our appreciation to our dedicated sponsors. At the highest level are Visionary sponsors Shirley Booth Berkshire Hathaway Fox & Roach Realtors, Franklin Mint Credit Union and BET Investments. Also recognized are Benefactor sponsors Riley Riper Hollin & Colagreco, A.J. Blosenski, Crozer Keystone Health

System, Riddle Hospital, Opdenaker Trash Removal, Republic Bank and Kelly and Close Consulting Engineers. Others include BeneServ, Middletown Business and Professionals Association, Minshall-Shropshire-Bleyler Funeral Home, Republic



Penn State Brandywine intern, Marina Szabo (l), and Township staff member, Debbie Timblin (r), display their wristbands, along with this year's generous contest prizes.

New this year, get your wristbands at the Township Building or Middletown Free Library in advance, or at the door. Middletown Residents are free and non-residents \$3 each. Be sure to enter our drawing at Wolff's, Linvilla Orchards, Middletown Free Library or the Township Building and at the event. Prizes will be given away for the Oldest Resident, Youngest Boy & Girl Residents, Person Traveling the Farthest and a drawing for expectant parents to win a car seat. Prize donations were made by Linvilla Orchards, Boscov's, Toys R us and Tobins Feed & Seed. The drawing will be held at 1:30pm on May 2. Must be present to win.

Employee Profiles: Meet Glenn Martin, Public Works



Glenn Martin has been employed with the Middletown Township Public Works Department for the past 15 years. Many of Glenn's job responsibilities are seasonal-related work, from field and trail cutting in the summer and collecting leaf bags in the fall, to snowplowing in the winter. Other typical projects include inlet repair, tree trimming, blacktop repair, and grass cutting,

Glenn says that his favorite part of the job is the diversity of projects he gets assigned on a daily basis, which keeps the work interesting. He recalls that his favorite project that he's worked on was during the development of what is now the Township's 22-acre Sleighton Park, located at the corner of Valley and Forge Roads. The Public Works staff did an extensive amount of work clearing the land prior to the land grading, moving topsoil, hydroseeding, and finally installing the irrigation system that is now used to water the playing fields.

Originally from Lenni and a graduate of Penncrest, Glenn now lives with his family in Aston. In his off-time, Glenn enjoys traveling, fishing and spending time with his family.

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Services, Laxton Enterprises and Bath Fitters/Kitchen Savers. Please browse our Community Day website at <http://www.middletowncommunityday.com> for a complete list of sponsors, the event schedule as well as other information.

The Township extends a special thanks to our committee, volunteers, interns, the students of Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades and the Penn State Brandywine Staff for assisting throughout the day.

MTSA Honors Mike Majeski

The Middletown Township Sewer Authority recently honored retired Sewer Authority Manager Mike Majeski for his 41 Years of service to the MTSA. Pictured below from left to right are Sewer Authority Board Chairman Timothy Sullivan, Esq., Mike Majeski, and Middletown Township Sewer Authority Manager John Ibach. Along with a proclamation, Mike was presented with a "Golden Plunger," a gift he'd created and bestowed to many of his colleagues to honor their successes and milestones throughout his years with the Township.



Middletown Free Library—Here’s What’s Happening!

Visit <http://www.middletownfreelibrary.org> for more about these programs & other events!

Youth Programs

- MakerLab 3D Printing Club starts April 16th @ 5pm
- Maker Mondays--Join us Mondays @ 5:30 pm and see what making is all about! Space is limited, registration required.
- Maker Camp will return this summer—keep an eye on our website for more details
- Introduction to Video Game Design—Saturday, May 31st
- Techni-gals STE(A)M Camp for Middle School Girls coming in August. This will be a FREE half day hands-on camp for girls going into grades 6-9 to introduce them to women in STE(A)M careers. Girls will have a chance to explore various subjects through hands-on projects under the mentorship of women in Penn State-Brandywine STEM programs and other women in the field.



- Summer Reading is Coming!!! Be a Hero @ the library this summer and join our summer reading program. We'll have special programs and prizes all summer long that celebrate the everyday heroes to superheroes! Transportation Tales, Science in the Summer & more!

- Can't wait for summer? We have weekly Story Times, Clubs, Pizza & Movie Night, the Monthly Challenge & more!!

Adult Programs

- Personalities & Their Perspectives of the American Civil War series continues on Fridays & Saturdays through June. Check our website for dates.
- Peeking into the Past: Family & Local History Series—Fridays, April 17th & May 15th @ 2pm and Wednesday, June 10th @ 10:30 am
- Delco Garden Series—Learn how to prepare your garden for spring, attract birds & butterflies and all about Herbs & Beverage gardening.

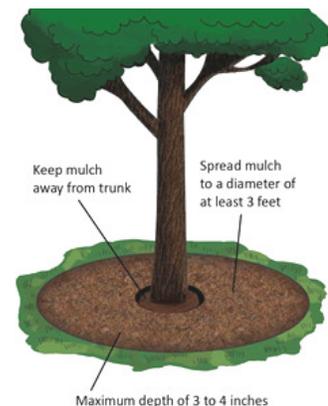
Proper Mulching Key to Healthy Trees

For a well-drained site, apply a 2-to 4-inch layer of mulch. If drainage problems persist, use a thinner layer.

Check the depth of existing mulch. Do not add mulch if there is already sufficient mulch (2 to 3 inches). Instead, rake the old mulch to break up any matted layers and refresh the appearance.

Do not place mulch against tree trunks.

If mulch is already piled against tree trunks or stems, pull it back several inches so that the base of the trunk and root crown are exposed.



News from the Middletown Township Sewer Authority

**“Disposable,” Not Flushable, Wipes
Please, No Wipes in the Pipes!**



During the last several months the MTSA has been contacted by several residents who were experiencing sanitary sewer backups in their sewer laterals. It was determined that the backups were caused by “disposable wipes” being flushed down the toilets.

Many household cleaning and sanitary wipes are touted as disposable and flushable; however these wipes are causing significant problems in the sanitary sewers. Many manufacturers of the wipes claim that they can be conveniently flushed down the toilet. The fact is some “flushable wipes” aren’t really flushable. Studies indicate that the cloth-like material in many of the wipes doesn’t break down in the sanitary sewer system like toilet paper and can block sewer laterals and mains, clog pumps and equipment and in turn increase maintenance and repair costs. The wipes are not breaking down as advertised and stay within the sanitary sewer flow all the way to the MTSA owned pump stations. The wipes might make it through the toilets, however they tend to clog up once in the sanitary sewer system.

Please help MTSA avoid the maintenance costs caused by disposing the “flushable”

wipes into the public sewer system. If you find the need to use the disposable wipes we suggest throwing them in the trash as opposed to flushing down the toilets.

Chester Creek Interceptor Phase 1 (CCIP1) Project Update

Phase I of the Chester Creek Interceptor project was put out to bid on December 24, 2014. Phase I of the project proposes the construction of a sanitary sewer interceptor that extends from Pennell Road just south of Mount Road to Knowlton Road. The majority of the Interceptor will be installed adjacent to the Chester Creek. It is anticipated that construction of the Interceptor will start in the early summer of 2015.

Sewer Flows Transferred to DELCORA

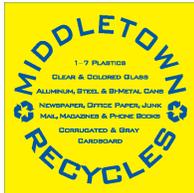
DELCORA has completed the construction of the pump station located at the Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority (SWDCMA) Wastewater Treatment Plant. The pump station is now conveying all Middletown Township sanitary sewer flows to the DELCORA Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, located in Chester, for final treatment. The Southwest Treatment Plant in Aston, where MTSA flow had been treated for years, has now been entirely phased out of the system.

Recycling Quick Tips

Co-mingle plastics **1-7**, glass, steel, bi-metal, and aluminum cans. Newsprint, phone books, junk mail, and office paper may also be placed in the same container with the other co-mingled materials, provided that the paper is prevented from blowing away by the use of a lidded container.

If using a lidless container, paper should be bundled in paper bags or tied and placed in or near the container(s). Corrugated cardboard and gray cardboard (pizza and cereal boxes) are to be bundled or stacked in bags and placed in or near the recycling bin.

Non-Township issued containers must have Yellow Recycling stickers affixed, available free at the Township, Wolff's, and Linvilla.



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